



## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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#### INTERIOR ANNOUNCES HUNTING DATES FOR DOVES AND BAND-TAILED PIGEONS

Hunting dates chosen earlier by the States for the shooting of doves and band-tailed pigeons during the 1960-61 season were approved today by Secretary of the Interior Fred A. Seaton.

These amended regulations contain the specific dates for each State's season, together with bag and possession limits.

As announced by the Department on July 13, the States were permitted to select the dates for their seasons within the period of September 1 through January 15, 1961, in conformance with conditions of the framework established for each management unit.

This year the United States is divided into three dove management units: (1) The Eastern Management Unit includes all States east of the Mississippi River and the State of Louisiana; (2) The Central Management Unit includes Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Wyoming; and (3) The Western Management Unit comprises the States of Arizona, California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington.

The open seasons by States, the bag and possession limits, and the exceptions to the usual shooting hours of one-half hour before sunrise to sunset are listed below. However, since State game departments are permitted to adopt regulations which may be more restrictive than the Federal regulations, persons who plan to hunt doves and band-tailed pigeons should first obtain a copy of the current State regulations.

### EASTERN DOVE MANAGEMENT UNIT

Mourning Doves:

Daily bag limit, 12; possession limit, 24;  
Shooting hours -- see footnote 1/

|                |                                       |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Alabama        | Oct. 1-31, and Dec. 1-Jan. 8          |
| Delaware       | Sept. 9-Oct. 29, and Nov. 18-Dec. 6   |
| Florida 2/     | See footnote 2/                       |
| Georgia        | Sept. 15-Oct. 1, and Nov. 23-Jan. 14  |
| Illinois       | Sept. 1-Nov. 9                        |
| Kentucky       | Sept. 1-Oct. 31, and Dec. 1-9         |
| Louisiana      | Sept. 3-20, and Nov. 12-Jan. 2        |
| Maryland       | Sept. 12-Oct. 31, and Dec. 17-Jan. 5  |
| Mississippi    | Sept. 9-Oct. 3, and Dec. 2-Jan. 15    |
| North Carolina | Sept. 10-Oct. 15, and Dec. 12-Jan. 14 |
| Pennsylvania   | Sept. 1-Nov. 9                        |
| Rhode Island   | Oct. 24-Dec. 31                       |
| South Carolina | Sept. 15-Oct. 8, and Nov. 30-Jan. 14  |
| Tennessee      | Sept. 1-Oct. 22, and Dec. 15-Jan. 1   |
| Virginia       | Sept. 15-Nov. 23                      |
| West Virginia  | Oct. 1-Dec. 9                         |

States in the Eastern Management Unit not listed above do not have open seasons.

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1/ Shooting hours are from 12 o'clock noon until sunset (Standard time).

2/ Florida: In the counties of Collier, Hardee, De Soto, Charlotte, Glades, Okeechobee, Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, and that portion of Holmes County west of the Choctawhatchee River, Nov. 24-Jan. 9; in the rest of the State, Oct. 15-Nov. 6 and Nov. 24-Jan. 9.

### CENTRAL DOVE MANAGEMENT UNIT

Mourning Doves:

Daily bag limit, 15; possession limit, 30;  
Shooting hours -- see footnote 1/

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| Arkansas         | Sept. 1-Oct. 8, and Dec. 20-Jan. 10 |
| Colorado         | Sept. 1-Oct. 30                     |
| Kansas           | Sept. 1-Oct. 30                     |
| Missouri         | Sept. 1-Oct. 10, and Nov. 10-29     |
| New Mexico 2/    | Sept. 1-Oct. 30                     |
| Oklahoma         | Sept. 1-Oct. 30                     |
| Texas 1/, 2/, 3/ | See footnote 3/                     |

States in the Central Management Unit not listed above do not have open seasons.

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### CENTRAL DOVE MANAGEMENT UNIT--Continued

1/ Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise until sunset (Standard time) in all States except Texas. In Texas, shooting hours are 12 o'clock noon until sunset (Standard time) on all days except Sept. 9, 10, and 11, when shooting hours are from 2 p.m. until sunset (Standard time).

2/ In New Mexico, the daily bag limit on mourning and white-winged doves is 15, in the aggregate of both kinds, of which not more than 10 may be white-winged doves, and the possession limit is 30, in the aggregate of both kinds, of which not more than 20 may be white-winged doves. In Texas, the daily bag limit on mourning and white-winged doves is 15, in the aggregate of both kinds, of which not more than 10 may be white-winged doves, and the possession limit is 30, in the aggregate of both kinds, of which not more than 10 may be white-winged doves.

3/ Texas: Mourning doves in Val Verde, Kenney, Uvalde, Medina, Bexar, Comal, Hays, Travis, Williamson, Milam, Robertson, Leon, Houston, Cherokee, Nacogdoches, and Shelby Counties, and all counties north and west thereof, Sept. 1-Oct. 30; in the rest of State (but not including Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, Zapata, Webb, Maverick, Dimmit, La Salle, Jim Hogg, Brooks, Kenedy, and Willacy Counties), Oct. 7-Dec. 5; in these latter counties, Sept. 9, 10, and 11 and Oct. 7-Dec. 2.

### WESTERN DOVE MANAGEMENT UNIT

Mourning Doves:           Daily bag limit, 10; possession limit, 20;  
                              Shooting hours -- see footnote 1/

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|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Arizona <u>2/</u>    | Sept. 1-25, and Dec. 10-Jan. 3 |
| California <u>2/</u> | Sept. 1-30                     |
| Idaho                | Sept. 1-15                     |
| Nevada               | Sept. 1-Oct. 20                |
| Oregon               | Sept. 1-30                     |
| Utah                 | Sept. 1-25                     |
| Washington           | Sept. 1-30                     |

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1/ Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise until sunset (Standard time).

2/ In Arizona, the daily bag and possession limit is 10 mourning doves. In California, the daily bag and possession limit on mourning and white-winged doves is 10, singly or in the aggregate of both kinds.

## OPEN SEASONS AND LIMITS ON WHITE-WINGED DOVES

White-winged Doves: Daily bag and possession limit, see footnote 2/;  
Shooting hours--see footnote 1/

Arizona 2/ Sept. 1-25, and Dec. 10-Jan. 3

California -

Counties of: 2/

Imperial Sept. 1-30

Riverside Sept. 1-30

San Bernardino Sept. 1-30

(Season closed in remainder of State)

New Mexico 2/ Sept. 1-Oct. 30

Texas- 2/

Counties of: Brewster, Brooks, Cameron, Culberson, Dimmit, El Paso, Hidalgo, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Jim Hogg, Kenedy, Kenney, La Salle, Maverick, Presidio, Starr, Terrell, Val Verde, Webb, Willacy, and Zapata, Sept. 9, 10, and 11. (Season closed in remainder of State.)

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1/ Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise until sunset (Standard time) in Arizona, New Mexico, and the open counties in California. In Texas, the shooting hours are from 2 p.m. until sunset (Standard time) in the open counties.

2/ In Arizona, the daily bag and possession limit is 25 white-winged doves. In California, the daily bag and possession limit on mourning and white-winged doves is 10, singly or in the aggregate of both kinds. In New Mexico, the daily bag limit on mourning and white-winged doves is 15, in the aggregate of both kinds, of which not more than 10 may be white-winged doves, and the possession limit is 30, in the aggregate of both kinds, of which not more than 20 may be white-winged doves. In Texas, the daily bag limit on mourning and white-winged doves is 15, in the aggregate of both kinds, of which not more than 10 may be white-winged doves, and the possession limit is 30, in the aggregate of both kinds, of which not more than 10 may be white-winged doves.

## OPEN SEASONS AND LIMITS ON BAND-TAILED PIGEONS

Band-tailed Pigeons: Daily bag and possession limit, 8;  
Shooting hours -- see footnote 1/

California:

Counties of: Butte, Del Norte, Glen, Humboldt, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Tehama and Trinity, Oct. 1-30. Remainder of State, Dec. 17-Jan. 15.

Oregon Sept. 1-30

Washington Sept. 1-30

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1/ Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise until sunset (Standard time).

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